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✓ 11. [] LIAISON Saw Pat Long, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence staff, in the Committee offices. He re-explained the background on the 24 January letter from Chairman Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.) to the Director and the fact that the Committee had made a mistake in asking for a Director of Central Intelligence representative in lieu of a representative from the CIA. I told him that we were working on this and that I would be back to him as soon as I had a name for him.

He expressed his mild dissatisfaction with S. 2525, with particular regard to "definitions" as well as other aspects of the bill. He asked me for the identity of the head of the CIA's working group on definitions. I told him that I did not know anything about this group, but would look into it and get back to him. I have subsequently talked to [] OLC, and we agreed that I indicate that [] is the Agency expert on definitions.

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✓ 12. [] LIAISON Met with Mike O'Neil, Chief Counsel, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, in the Committee's offices, and he provided me with the needed background on a planned Committee trip from 28 March through 4 or 5 April to []
TAT [] The delegation will consist of: Representative Morgan F. Murphy (D., Ill.), Chairman, Subcommittee on Legislation, who will head the group, Representative John M. Ashbrook (R., Ohio), Member of Subcommittee on Evaluation, Representative Romano L. Mazzoli (D., Ky.), Member of Subcommittee on Legislation, and Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.), Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight. It is possible that Representative Mazzoli may or may not go. Mr. O'Neil will accompany the group. They will want to talk to [] (assuming that [] can make it up to [] and Mr. O'Neil provided me with some background on the kinds of interests that the delegations will have. He was not sure whether the group would want a pre-briefing or not, but promised to let me know. I will prepare background for a cable and forward it to SA/DO/O for them to send to the stations.

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13. [REDACTED] LIAISON Called Thomas K. Latimer, Staff Director, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, to discuss with him a constituent letter from Chairman Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.) concerning alleged CIA activities in South Africa. I told Mr. Latimer that the pamphlet is seventy odd pages long and contains literally hundreds of names, and that a thorough job of research would take several weeks. Mr. Latimer assured me that all he wanted was a one page letter that Chairman Boland could send on to his constituent assuring the constituent that CIA is not doing things in South Africa that the pamphlet alleges. I told Mr. Latimer that we would have a response over to him by the end of next week (March 3, 1978). This has been discussed with [REDACTED] OLC, who has the action on the letter.

Mr. Latimer told me that Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.) is ready to hold open hearings on CIA and media and would like to have the DCI testify sometime between 15 and 21 March in the morning. While the focus on the session would be on the DCI's regulation on CIA's relationship with the media, there will probably also be some questions on stations' relationships with Ambassadors and the cable exchanges relating thereto. I told Mr. Latimer that I would look into the DCI's availability and get back to him.

Mr. Latimer also said that he and Loch Johnson, of the Committee staff, want to have a meeting, if possible, Thursday, 2 March, with John McMahon, DDO, to structure hearings on closed and, when possible, open hearings on: (1) the mechanisms whereby covert action is approved, and (2) how good is propaganda and how is it assessed. Mr. Latimer admitted that he and particularly Loch Johnson, of the Committee staff, have been well briefed by [REDACTED] and even the Director himself on the subject. However, Mr. Latimer said that subsequent discussions with persons unnamed at the NSC revealed that there are some different perceptions on what the mechanisms for approval of covert action really are. I said that I would look into setting up an appointment with Mr. McMahon and get back to him.

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